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19 February 1954

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Finance Division

THROUGH : Comptroller

STATINTL SUBJECT : [ ] Travel and per diem indebtedness

1. Your memorandum of 7 December 1953 referred the file of subject individual, who resigned on 14 December 1951, to this office for assistance "in enforcing collection of the sum due the U.S."

2. As your memorandum indicates, there has been considerable correspondence between Finance Division on one hand and the subject individual and his father, who happens to be a lawyer, on the other. Collection attempts have been unsuccessful. After unsuccessful collection attempts by this Agency, the next step would be to refer the case to the General Accounting Office which would attempt collection, and if unsuccessful, the case would then be referred to the Department of Justice for further reference to the appropriate District Attorney. This procedure obviously involves security considerations.

3. A review of the record, including the personnel file, discloses that subject was ordered to Washington on TDY in anticipation of assignment overseas. He was originally slotted as a Commo employee despite the fact that he clearly stated in his personnel history sheet that he did not desire this type of work. He was eventually changed to another slot. Following apparent misunderstandings and discussions pursuant thereto, the details of which it is unnecessary to outline here, the individual resigned after approximately three months' service without ever going overseas.

4. Technically, the Government appears to have a case against subject for recovery of the money in question. Furthermore, the so-called "legal" arguments set forth by the subject's father do not appear to be valid. However, the undersigned took the liberty of coordinating this matter with the Security Office [ ] and the Office of Personnel [ ]

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STATINTL [ ] The Security Office requested that for security reasons the matter not be referred to the General Accounting Office. In addition, there are the factors such as the length of time elapsed and some aspects of the handling of the individual, which do not portray the Agency in a particularly advantageous light.

5. It is believed that in most cases it might be more effective, as well as time-saving, to have complete coordination at the time the initial

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effort for collection is made. The Finance Division, therefore, may consider it desirable in the future, when it appears that a collection effort may be in order, to have the case coordinated with representatives of the Finance Division, Office of General Counsel, Office of Security, and Office of Personnel, respectively. This office will, of course, be happy to assist in any way possible.

6. Your files are returned herewith.

Office of General Counsel

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